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Religious Leaders Willing to Mediate Negotiations with Lord's Resistance Army

A conference was held Feb. 2-4 in Kisangani, Democratic Republic of Congo, attended by religious leaders of the areas where the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) is active: northern Uganda, eastern DRC, southern Sudan and the Central African Republic. At the end of the sessions, a regional committee was established to formulate proposals for possible mediation efforts with the LRA. For more information go to <http://www.fides.org/aree/news/newsdet.php?idnews=25953&lan=eng>

Statement on Nuclear War

Archbishop Edwin O'Brien of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops attended the Global Zero Summit in Paris where he reiterated the Church's support for a global ban on nuclear weapons. Referring to just war doctrine, Archbishop O'Brien indicated that "[n]uclear war-fighting is rejected in Church teaching because it cannot ensure noncombatant immunity and the likely destruction and lingering radiation would violate the principle of proportionality." For the full statement go to <http://www.usccb.org/comm/archives/2010/10-024.shtml>

Release of Report on Religion and US Foreign Policy

On February 23, the Chicago Council on Global Affairs Task Force on Religion and the Making of U.S. Foreign Policy released a major report on strategies for better incorporating religion into the U.S. foreign policymaking framework. This report has significant implications for religious peacebuilding around the world. Scott Appleby, of the Kroc Institute and a CPN Steering Committee member co-chaired this task force. The full report is available on the Kroc Institute website at <http://kroc.nd.edu/newsevents/news/report-urges-policymakers-engage-global-religious-actors-657>.

Global Mapping of Faith-Inspired Organizations and Development

Over the past three years, the Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs at Georgetown University has been mapping the emerging constellation of the role of religious actors around social welfare. Senior Fellow [Katherine Marshall](#) has conducted a qualitative survey of faith-inspired organizations in development. A series of five workshops and consultations around the world have brought representatives from diverse groups together to identify key players, common problems, best practices, and ways forward. The most recent consultation, organized in collaboration with the [World Faiths Development Dialogue](#), took place this past December in Phnom Penh. For more information go to <http://berkeleycenter.georgetown.edu/projects/global-mapping-of-faith-inspired-organizations-and-development>

Legal Advocacy for the Wrongly Deported

Boston College's Center for Human Rights and International Justice has developed the Post-Deportation Human Rights Project. For an article about the project by Jeri Zeder in the *BC Law Magazine*, Fall/Winter 2009 go to <http://www.bc.edu/centers/humanrights/projects/deportation.html>

Strategies of Peace, Philpott and Powers, editors

A new book, *Strategies of Peace*, published by Oxford University Press, will be released in March 2010. This book was edited by two CPN steering committee members, Dan Philpott and Jerry Powers. It includes chapters by 15 scholars who propose an imaginative and provocative approach to peacebuilding; including the critical role of religion. For more information go

to <http://www.oup.com/us/catalog/general/subject/Politics/InternationalStudies/~/~/dmlldz11c2EmY2k9OTc4MDE5NTM5NTkxNA==?view=usa&ci=9780195395914>.

***Water and Conflict: Incorporating Peacebuilding and Water Development* by Gehrig and Rogers**

Catholic Relief Services has a new publication entitled *Water and Conflict: Incorporating Peacebuilding into Water Development*, written by Jason Gehrig and Mark Rogers, and edited by Warner, Chris Seremet and Tom Bamat. For the full booklet go to <http://crsprogramquality.org/pubs/peacebuilding/waterconflict.pdf>

Peace Spirituality: Images for Today

Pax Christi France is planning a peace spirituality colloquium on “Images for Today.” The event is in collaboration with Pax Christi

Luxembourg and Pax Christi Germany. It will take place in Trier, Germany, from the 15th to the 17th of April 2010. For more information, go to http://paxchristi.cef.fr/section.php?section=01_06

Human Security & Peacebuilding, Joan B. Kroc School of Peace Studies, USD

The Joan B. Kroc School of Peace Studies welcomes applications for a faculty position in Human Security and Peacebuilding to begin September 2010. The opening in human security and peacebuilding is a full-time tenure track position at the rank of Assistant, Associate or Full Professor. Human security emphasizes individual and community security and well-being, rather than traditional state-focused approaches to security. Applications will be reviewed beginning March 1, 2010. Applicants should send a cover letter explaining their teaching and research interests, a curriculum vita, recent teaching evaluations, sample course syllabi, two writing samples, and three to five letters of reference to: Chair, Faculty Search Committee (Human Security), Joan B. Kroc School of Peace Studies, University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park, San Diego, CA 92110.

Kroc-CRS Fellowships Announced

The Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies at the University of Notre Dame and Catholic Relief Services announced the Kroc-CRS Fellowships awards for spring 2010. Rick Jones, CRS Deputy Regional Director for Justice and Solidarity in Latin America and the Caribbean will be working on crucial issues in peacebuilding integration, a strategic priority for CRS. Joseph Muyango of the CRS Rwanda program will be examining subjective components of defining and evaluating reconciliation.

The Catholic Peacebuilding Network (CPN) is a voluntary network of practitioners, academics, clergy and laity from around the world which seeks to enhance the study and practice of Catholic peacebuilding, especially at the local level. The CPN aims to deepen bonds of solidarity among Catholic peacebuilders, share and analyze “best practices,” expand the peacebuilding capacity of the Church in areas of conflict, and encourage the further development of a theology of a just peace. While it is a Catholic network, the CPN believes that authentic and effective Catholic peacebuilding involves dialogue and collaboration with those of other religious traditions and all those committed to building a more just and peaceful world.

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